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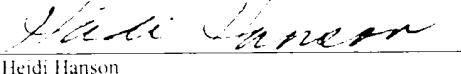
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: MALAK et al. Examiner: unknown
Serial No.: 09 616526 Group Art Unit: 1653
Filed: 14 July 2000 Docket No.: 11123.15US01
Title: PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION OF NOVEL COLLAGEN-BASED SUPPORTS FOR TISSUE ENGINEERING, AND BIOMATERIALS OBTAINED

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on 1 May 2001.

By: 
Heidi Hanson

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), the specifications, drawings, and claims for co-pending applications: Serial No. 09/435934, filed 9 November 1999, and Serial No. 09 616282, filed 14 July 2000, are provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

English abstracts are provided for the following references: WO 90 12055; FR 2 724 563; DD 226 153 A3; WO 95 17428; WO 96 08277 A1; FR 2 679 779; EP 0 686 402 A1; WO 89 08467; EP 0 789 074 A1; and FR 2 783 429.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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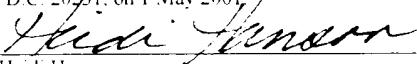
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Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 27 Reference(s)
- Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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